28. (Previously Amended) The multimedia interface according to claim 59, further comprising a programmable memory interface (PMI) core incorporated on the IC chip.

29. (Previously Amended) Multimedia interface according to claim 37, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the audio and/or video CODEC; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the audio and/or video CODEC is not in use.

30. (Previously Amended) Multimedia interface according to claim 37, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the PLL circuitry; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the PLL circuitry is not in use.

31. (Previously Amended) Multimedia interface according to claim 37, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the serial interface core; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the serial interface core is not in use.

32. (Previously Amended) Multimedia interface according to claim 31, wherein:

the serial interface core is incorporated within the reconfigurable logic block.

33. (Previously Amended) Multimedia interface according to claim 37, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the programmable CPU interface core; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the programmable CPU interface core is not in use.

34. (pending) Multimedia interface according to claim 33, wherein:

the programmable CPU interface core is incorporated within the reconfigurable logic block.

35. (pending) Multimedia interface, comprising:

an integrated circuit (IC) chip;

a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;

a media processor block incorporated on the IC chip; and

a programmable memory interface (PMI) core incorporated on the IC chip, the PMI core communicates with off-chip memory and configures it virtually into what is optimal for an application that demands non-standard size memory.

36. (pending) Multimedia interface according to claim 52, wherein:

the programmable memory interface core is incorporated within the reconfigurable logic block.

37. (pending) Multimedia interface, comprising:

an integrated circuit (IC) chip;

a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;

a media processor block incorporated on the IC chip; and

at least one additional core selected from the group consisting of

audio and/or video CODECs for interfacing to external analog signals;

phase locked loop (PLL) circuitry to reduce skew within various blocks within the IC chip;

a programmable, fast serial interface core;

a programmable CPU interface core;

a programmable memory interface (PMI) core; and

further comprising power-down circuitry, in combination with one or more of these additional cores, incorporated on the IC chip to provide power and/or processing savings when a given one of the cores is not in use. (no change)

38. (Previously Amended) Signal processing interface according to claim 46, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the audio and/or video CODEC; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the audio and/or video CODEC is not in use.

39. (Previously Amended) Signal processing interface according to claim 46, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the PLL circuitry; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the PLL circuitry is not in use.

40. (Previously Amended) Signal processing interface according to claim 46, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the serial interface core; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the serial interface core is not in use.

41. (Previously Amended) Signal processing interface according to claim 40, wherein:

the serial interface core is incorporated within the reconfigurable logic block.

42. (Previously Amended) Signal processing interface according to claim 46, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the programmable CPU interface core; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the programmable CPU interface core is not in use.

43. (Pending) Signal processing interface according to claim 42, wherein:

the programmable CPU interface core is incorporated within the reconfigurable logic block.

44. (Pending) Signal processing interface, comprising:

an integrated circuit (IC) chip;

a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;

a RISC core incorporated on the IC chip; and

a programmable memory interface (PMI) core incorporated on the IC chip, the PMI core communicates with off-chip memory and configures it virtually into what is optimal for an application that demands non-standard size memory.

45. (Pending) Signal processing interface according to claim 58, wherein:

the programmable memory interface core is incorporated within the reconfigurable logic block.

46. (Pending) Signal processing interface, comprising:

an integrated circuit (IC) chip;

a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;

a RISC core incorporated on the IC chip; and

at least one additional core selected from the group consisting of

audio and/or video CODEC for interfacing to external analog signals;

phase locked loop (PLL) circuitry to reduce skew within various blocks within the IC chip;

a programmable, fast serial interface core;

a programmable CPU interface core;

a programmable memory interface (PMI) core; and

further comprising power-down circuitry, in combination with one or more of these additional cores, incorporated on the IC chip to provide power and/or processing savings when a given one of the cores is not in use.

47. (Previously Amended) The multimedia interface according to claim 59, further comprising a configuration port that allows a user access to the block of reconfigurable logic from off-chip.

48. (Canceled) ~~Multimedia interface, comprising:~~

~~an integrated circuit (IC) chip;~~
~~a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;~~
~~a media processor block incorporated on the IC chip; and~~
~~audio and/or video CODEC and an analog interface incorporated on the IC chip, the audio and/or video CODEC communicating, via the analog interface, with external analog signals.~~

49. (Canceled) ~~Multimedia interface, comprising:~~
~~an integrated circuit (IC) chip;~~
~~a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;~~
~~a media processor block incorporated on the IC chip;~~
~~means, incorporated on the IC chip, for reducing skew within various blocks within the IC chip; and~~
~~further comprising power-down circuitry incorporated on the IC chip to provide power and/or processing saving when the means for reducing skew is not in use.~~

50. (Canceled) ~~The multimedia interface according to claim 31, wherein the serial interface standard is one of USB and IEEE 1394.~~

51. (Canceled) ~~The multimedia interface according to claim 32, wherein the serial interface standard is one of USB and IEEE 1394.~~

52. (previously amended) Multimedia interface according to claim 37, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the PMI core; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the PMI core is not in use.

53. (Pending) The multimedia interface according to claim 37, wherein the media processor has a virtual instruction set capable of implementing a variety of multimedia algorithms.

54. (Canceled) ~~Signal processing interface, comprising:~~
~~an integrated circuit (IC) chip;~~
~~a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;~~
~~a RISC core incorporated on the IC chip; and~~
~~audio and/or video CODEC and an analog interface incorporated on the IC chip, the audio and/or video CODEC communicating, via the analog interface, with external analog signals.~~

55. (Canceled) ~~Signal processing interface, comprising:~~
~~an integrated circuit (IC) chip;~~

~~a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip;~~

~~a RISC core incorporated on the IC chip;~~

~~means, incorporated on the IC chip, for reducing skew within various blocks within the IC chip; and~~

~~further comprising power-down circuitry incorporated on the IC chip to provide power and/or processing saving when the means for reducing skew is not in use.~~

56. (Canceled) ~~The signal processing interface according to claim 40, wherein the serial interface standard is one of USB and IEEE-1394.~~

57. (Canceled) ~~The signal processing interface according to claim 41, wherein the serial communication standard is one of USB and IEEE-1394.~~

58. (previously amended) Signal processing interface according to claim 46, wherein:

the at least one additional core includes the PMI core; and

the power-down circuitry provides the power and/or processing savings when the PMI core is not in use.

59. (Previously Amended) Multimedia interface, comprising:

an integrated circuit (IC) chip;

a block of reconfigurable logic incorporated on the IC chip; and

a block of media processor with a virtual instruction set capable of implementing a variety of multimedia algorithms incorporated on the IC chip separately from the reconfigurable logic block;

wherein the block of reconfigurable logic contains a least common denomination set of instruction for operating the block of media processor.